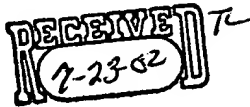


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Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 24, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims based upon the Remarks that follow:

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lo et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,933,967 ("Lo"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Lo.